Good and Joyful NEWS for ENGLAND: OR, THE PROPHECY Of the Renowned Michael Nostradamus, THAT Charles the II.

Of *Great Britain*, *France* and *Ireland* KING, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*

Shall have a

SON of his own Body lawfully begotten, that shall succeed him in the Imperial Throne of *Great Britain*, and all other his Dominions; and Reign long after his Father, most fortunately and well beloved.

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With Observations concerning the present *BLAZING-COMET:*

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§. 1. THis *Michael Noſtradamus* was a *Phyſician*, a *Frenchman*, and a *Papiſt*; and yet was a man of a ſober converſation, and ſpake of many things that are utterly oppoſite both to the *French* and *Popiſh* Intereſt; and ſo by conſequence of his own too, and therefore may ſo much themore aptly be credited, in thoſe things at leaſt which appear to be ſo.

§. 2. What is the Reputation of his Prophecies for matter of the verity of them, is ſo well known all over *Europe*, and eſpecially among the Learned who read what is written, that it needs not my Commendations or Teſtimony. It is obſerved unto admiration by all that have read him, how ſtrangely he has forewarned of all the great things that of late years have been acted among us.

§. 3. The *Late Wars*, the *Treachery* of the *Scots* in betraying the *King*, he has noted: Alſo how the *Senate of London* ſhould
10. *put their King to death*, and *baniſh his Son*; and after be *Tribu-*
p. 54. *tary* to one with a *bald head*, for *fourteen years*; how *the King*
10. *ſhould be reſtored*; and how there would come *Plague* and *Fire*
6. in *London*, becauſe of *the Juſt man* that was *put to death*: And
4. 89. many other ſuch like things he hath written of, which have all
49. proved very true; the moſt of which, woful experience is able
10. to teſtifie: And ſome indeed are ſuch as we may juſtly remem-
6. 46 ber with great joy.
7. 13.
6. 74.
84.
9. 2.
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2. 51.

§. 4. True it is indeed, that many of his Prophecies are written in myſtical and cloſe Riddles, not to be underſtood as a man runs and reads: But yet are they ſuch as a man who underſtands *Hiſtory*, *State-affairs*, and ſomething of *Aſtrologie*, and indeed a taſte of *all ſorts* of Learning, may aptly (with labour and induſtry) unlock the greateſt ſcrutinies thereof; and when they are opeu'd, they are as plain and eaſie as the King's High-way.

§. 5. And whether it was *Naturally* or *Divinely* that the man came by theſe things, God knows; but certain it is, he has been ſo very lucky in all his predictions, that I could never hear of any one ſaying of his, that was certainly fathered by him, and allowed by his Executors, and that was rightly underſtood, that ever was found faulty. And now having thus far beſpoken my Author, come we to his Prophecies: And firſt, ſee what he ſays in general of our Kingdom of *England*.

Cent.

Cent. 10. Stanza 100.

The great Empire ſhall be in England,
The Pempoton, *for more then* 300 *year*:
Great Armies ſhall paſs through Sea and Land,
The Luſitanians *ſhall not be contented there.*

Here the only hard words are but two, whereof *Pempoton* ſhall ſeem to ſignifie a Toſs-pot, or Good-fellow; and by *Luſitanians*, which do properly ſignifie the *Portugals*, may ſeem to be meant of the *Spaniards*, for ſo is his way, by ſome portion thereof to ſpeak of a whole Country. The reſt is plain, according to the literal ſence.

§. 6. Next ſee what he ſays of his own Country and Kingdom, in relation unto us.

Cent. 3. St. 49. Cent. 9. St. 6.

There ſhall be in Guienne *an infinite number of* Engliſh,
Who ſhall occupy it by the name of Angle-Aquitain,
Of Languedoc; I, *by the Land of* Burdeaux,
Which afterwards they ſhall call Bardoxitane.

And again, Cent. 6. St. 43. Cent. 9. St. 38.

The coming in at Blay *by* Rochel, *and the* Engliſh
Shall go beyond the great Æmathien:
Not far from Agen, *ſhall expect the* French,
Help from Narbonne, *deceived by* Entertainment.

We ſee here, how plainly this man forewarns his own Countrymen, that they ſhall be utterly conquered and over-run by the *Engliſh*. He names how they ſhall Land at *Blay* by *Rochel*, and ſhall poſſeſs all the Country of *Guienne*, and people it with *Engliſhmen*, and ſhall have *Languedoc*, and the Iſland called *I*, and all the Country as far as the great *Æmathien*, by which he means *Germany*, as he uſually calls the Empire by that name. And many more *ſayings* to the ſame purpoſe I could bring, to ſhew and confirm the ſame thing; and that it is to be done in this Age, by our preſent *King*. And I can further ſhew out of the ſame Author, that the ſame Prince ſhall conquer *Spain*, and be Emperour of all *Europe*, and dethrone the *Pope*, and advance the true ancient Catholick and Apoſtolick Faith all over *Chriſtendom*. But my buſineſs at preſent is to comfort *my Countrymen*, againſt their preſent ſorrows and amazements, and to rid them of their fears of *Popery*, by reaſon of his *Royal Highneſs*

Cent. 3. St. 49. Cent. 6. St. 43. Cent. 6. & 1. 84. Cent. 7. & 3. 8. Cent. 8. & 2. 87. & 6. 12.

the Duke of *York*, whom they generally fear to be a *Papiſt*. Now what Religion the *Duke* is really of, I am not to examine; only this I ſay, that ſo far as the credit of the famous *Noſtradamus* is able to warrant, his preſent Majeſty *Charles* the II. of *Great Britain*, *France* and *Ireland* King, *Defender of the true ancient Catholick and Apoſtolick Faith*, will have an Heir of his own Body lawfully begotten, as appears by this following *Stanza*. Prophecies of the year 1600. St. 4.

Du rond d'un Lis naiſtra un ſi grand Prince,
Bien toſt & tard venu dans ſa Province,
Saturn *en* Libra *en* Exaltation,
Maiſon de Venus, *en deſcroiſante force,*
Dame en apres Maſculin ſoubs l'Eſcorie,
Pour maintenir l'heureux ſang de Burbon.

In Engliſh thus:

From the round of the Lilly ſhall be born a great Prince,
Soon and late come into his Province,
Saturn *in* Libra *being in* Exaltation,
The Houſe of Venus, *being in a decreaſing ſtrength:*
A Woman afterwards with a Male under the Bark,
To maintain the happy bloud of Burbon.

§. 7. In this Propheey we are to conſider, firſt, who is this ſo *great Prince born*, as the Prophet calls him; and next, who ſhall be his *Heir*. As for the ſo *great Prince born*; true it is he is not called by name, but yet is he deſcribed by a character as ſure as if he were ſo. He is to be one who was to be born when the Planet *Saturn* ſhould be in the Sign called *Libra*, which is a Sign of the Houſe of *Venus*, and Exaltation of *Saturn*. Next, he muſt be born too at ſuch time as *Saturn* in *Libra* ſhall be *decreaſing in ſtrength*. 3ly. He muſt be of the Royal Bloud of *France*, ſignified by the *Round of the Lilly*, or the *Lilly* in its Round; according to the manner of Coat-armour, where the *Lillies* are drawn or painted in a certain Circle, as they are with us in a *Round Garter*. 4ly. He muſt be ſuch an one as in one ſence ſhould *come late*, and in another ſhall *come ſoon into his Province*. And laſtly, He muſt be one of the Bloud of the Houſe of *Burbon*.

§. 8. Now all theſe *marks* or *characters* are true of our Soveraign Lord King *Charles* the II. and of no man but of him alone: For 1*ſt*. without any thing of calculating the King's Nativi-

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ty, it is well known generally that his Majeſty was born on the 29*th.* day of *May*, 1630. at what time the Planet *Saturn* was in the Sign *Libra*, which is the exaltation of *Saturn*, and Houſe of *Venus*, wherein both of them are greatly dignified. But then, 2*dly.* withal, *Saturn* was at that time ſo placed there, at the very end of *Libra*, and Retrograde, that though he was eſſentially dignified in *Libra*, yet was it under a *decreaſing* force or ſtrength, or an abatement to his fortitude therein. 3*dly.* He is rightly deſcended by his Mother from the round of the *Lilly*, which is called a round, becauſe of his *Garter* about it. 4*ly.* He came ſoon or too ſoon to his Right to Reign, and yet late or very late in reſpect of his enjoyment. And laſtly, He is by his Mother of the Bloud of *Burbon*. And as this is true of our King, ſo is it not true of any Prince beſides, of the Royal Bloud of *France*, and of the Houſe of *Burbon*.

§. 9. Now to prove this Negative, we muſt note, that by the Bloud of *Burbon* and the *Lilly*, are to be underſtood ſome *great Princes* deſcended from that *Branch*, of the Royal Houſe of *France*, which was Duke of *Burbon* in *France*. From the firſt Duke of *Burbon* of the Royal Bloud, are deſcended many noble Families; but of theſe many of them are out of capacity to be comprehended under this *our Mark*, which the Prophet names. And thus are all theſe Families which are *obſcure*, and therefore ſuch as cannot be called *Princes* born; and thus alſo are all that are born or deſcended of *illegitimate* Branches; and thus again are all thoſe who though they are otherwiſe *noble Families*, yet are not born *great Princes*. Next we are to conſider, that this *great Prince* muſt be one born ſince the writing of this Prophecy, and one who has left behind him a *poſthume Heir*. And be ſure from *Noſtradamus*'s time until this our Age, there was never yet any ſuch *poſthume Heir* left who became ſo great a Prince for whereas *Noſtradamus* wrote in the time of *Henry* the II. of that Name *French* King; at what time *Anthony* Duke of *Burbon* was a young Child then born, who afterwards became King of *Navarr*. And his Son was *Henry* the IV. *French* King, who was the firſt of the Houſe of *Burbon* that became any thing of a *great Prince*, but was not *born ſo*, neither was he *a poſthume*. His Son was *Lewis* the XIII. *French* King, born a *great Prince*, but *no poſthume*. His Son is *Lewis* the XIV. the preſent *French* King, and

and born a *great Prince*, but *no posthume*, neither had he *Saturn* in *Libra* at his birth, but in the Sign *Aquarius*; and therefore no Child of his, though it should prove a posthume, can make him the man. Nor yet can the *Dauphin* his Son be that Prince, because at his birth *Saturn* was in *Scorpio*. Nor can the present King of *Spain*, who also is of *Burbon*, be the man, who had *Saturn* in *Scorpio* too at *his* birth. Nor can the present *Duke of Orleans* be the person intended, at whose birth *Saturn* was in *Aquarius*. The Prince of *Conde*, and his Son the Duke of *Enguien* are of the House of *Burbon*, but cannot properly be said to be born *great Princes*, and besides neither of them had *Saturn* at birth in the Sign *Libra*. The Duke of *Savoy* also is of this Bloud, but no *great Prince* born. Lastly, To come unto the Issue of our late Queen *Henrietta Maria*, his Royal Highness *James Duke of York* was born when *Saturn* was in the Sign *Sagittary*, and the Prince of *Orange* when *Saturn* was in *Cancer*; so as neither of them also are in this capacity. And now having named all Princes of the Bloud of *Burbon*, that are in any capacity to be concerned in this Prophecy, and finding none of them under these Marks besides, I make account it is most clearly true, that it is our present Sovereign King *Charles the II.* of whom this Prophecy is verily intended; for after him of any it cannot be expected, because in him all the Marks and Characters are so fully agreed.

§. 10. Next come we to treat of the *Heir* therefore, who is to succeed this *great Prince*. Of whom it is said, [*A Woman or Wife afterwards with a Male under the bark* or *skin*] which is as much as to say, with a *male-Child* in her *womb*, *who shall maintain the happy Bloud of* Burbon. Intimating, that his Majesty in his elder years shall be married again to a second Queen, who being a young fruitful Woman, shall be *great with Child* and shall bring forth a *Son*, that shall make happy the Bloud of *Burbon*. From whence that Son shall claim, by the *Father's side*, our King being the *eldest Son* of *Henrietta Maria*, who was the youngest Daughter of *Henry* the IV. *French* King, who was the Son of *Anthony*, King of *Navarr*, and Duke of *Burbon*.

§. 11. And thus have I shewed according to *Nostradamus*, (whose Prophecies I have never yet heard of to have failed) that our Sovereign Lord, our present King *Charles* the II. shall have lawful Issue-male of his own body begotten, to succeed him

him in the Empereal Throne of this Kingdom. Which may be a good heartning at leaſt unto all honeſt *Engliſhmen*, who do ſincerely mean well, and intend not to raiſe any factions or ſtirs without cauſe, becauſe that our dangers of *Popery* approaching upon us by means of his Royal Highneſs being a *Papiſt*, are not ſo great as is generally expected.

§. 12. And the truth is, it's a ſtrange thing, this Prophecy, conſidering that in the life-time of this *Michael Noſtradamus*, neither the Houſe of *Burbon*, nor this Family of our *Sovereign*, were in any likelihood to be Kings either of *England* or of *France*; and yet ſee how ſtrangely things are come to paſs, onwards of what he hath ſaid. But let us add one Stanza more of the Fate of this *poſthume* Prince, which is expected to be our King's next Heir. St. 48. of Proph. in 1600.

The Phœnix *of the* old Charon *ſhall be ſeen*
To be the firſt and laſt of the Sons:
To ſhine in France *beloved of every one;*
To reign a great while, with all the Honours
That ever his Predeceſſors had;
By which he ſhall make his Glory memorable.

Lo here a *young Son*, of an *old Father*, being all the Sons he ſhall ever have, (that is, of *lawful birth*) inheriting the Crown of *France*, which his Father ſhall conquer and leave unto him, and he ſhall enjoy it long, and with much good liking of all. The preſent *Dauphine* is an only Son, but not all the Sons his Father ever had; nor is he a *Phœnix* that is ſprung up out of his Fathers Aſhes, or after his death, as uſes to be ſaid of the *Phœnix*: nor ſhall he therefore reign long, if at all.

God ſave the King. Amen.

The Author's Prophetical Wiſh.

Let his Royal Highneſs *James* Duke of *York* live, and become as good a *Proteſtant* as any is in *England*; and let him enjoy greater Honours *elſewhere*, then the Crown of *England* is, at this day, worth.

But let *Charles* the Third, who is to be the lawful Son of *Charles* the Second, inherit the Empire of *Europe*, which his Father ſhall leave him; and let *J. B.* live to ſee it happily performed. *Amen. Amen.*

FINIS

A Word or two concerning the preſent COMET, or BLAZING-STAR.

BEfore ever this prodigious Meteor was viſible in *England*, we had notice of its appearing in ſeveral Parts beyond the Seas, by ſundry Letters from Eminent Merchants, and perſons of other (or ſome of greater) Qualities, ſome whereof were Printed in our *Gazette*, or *News-Book*: But it firſt was viſible to us in this Iſland of *Great Britain*, on *Friday December* the 10*th*. about half an hour paſt four of the Clock, *P. M.* or Afternoon. It appear'd of a pale dusky Colour, with a very prodigious Stream, at the leaſt 35 Degrees in length. Its ſignification cannot be good, becauſe it is purely Saturnine; And *Saturn* is a Star, as the Philoſophical *Satyrs* repreſent him. ——

Pale, and of aſhy Colour, Male-content;
A Catiline *to mortal Temperament;*
That would blow up the capital of Man
With envious Influence! Melancholly, Wan!
And if their hate be in an heavenly Breaſt,
This Planet *with that Fury is poſſeſt.*

Howbeit, foraſmuch as this *Comet* riſes in the *South-weſt*, and its Buſh or Tail points directly *North Eaſt* from *England*, it cannot be of any malefique ſignification unto us, but rather (as it ſhall and doth happen to menace great Prejudice, Calamity and Misfortunes to befal ſuch People or Nations, that may envy our approaching happineſs, after the paſſing over of our great Cloud of Troubles by the late Accurſed PLOT, and the nefarious Projectors thereof) be of a conſequential Good unto theſe *Britiſh* Iſlands, which God of his great Mercy grant. *Amen.*

Comets are ſometimes the Meſſengers of good to ſome Nations, and not always the Denuntiators of Evil; according to *Cabeus*, *Reſius* and other Meteorologiſts. And indeed there can be nothing ſo pernicious to one ſort of People, but may be profitable to another.